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CABINET UNITED ON APPROACH TO THE NIXON-JACKSON DISPUTE

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--The Cabinet is united in its belief that all efforts aimed at helping Soviet Jewry should be encouraged and that Israel must not intervene in the dispute between President Nixon and Sen. Henry M. Jackson. This was confirmed today by a top source here who said Israel's policy had been "correct" until now and would continue to be correct.

He stressed that what had been achieved so far for Soviet Jews--the relaxation of the ransom tax--had been the result of both Nixon's efforts and the Russians' knowledge that he had a strong like-minded Congress behind him on this issue. The source also stressed the importance of Nixon's formal undertaking to continue his efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

It was not often, the source noted, that an American President made such undertakings. The source said there was not necessarily a contradiction between Nixon and Jackson nor necessarily a clash between them--since they both desired the same ends for Russian Jews. He indicated that Israel was quietly hoping for some sort of compromise between them.

LAWMAKERS URGE KISSINGER TO TAKE UP ISSUE OF SOVIET JEWRY IN MOSCOW TRIP

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Bearing renewed and emphatic insistence from leaders of both parties in the Congress and the Jewish community for further Soviet relaxation of its emigration policies, Dr. Henry Kissinger leaves tomorrow for Moscow for four days of discussions with Soviet government leaders. Soviet treatment of Jews that weighs heavily on the Soviet-American trade agreement is prominent on the list of topics along with Soviet Communist Party Secretary General Leonid Brezhnev's forthcoming visit to the United States, probably in early summer.

In a powerful renewal of Congressional pressure for White House insistence on free emigration for Soviet citizens including Jews, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) and Representatives Wilbur Mills (D.Ark.) and Charles A. Vanik (D. Ohio) assured the National Conference on Soviet Jewry today that there is no change whatsoever in their feelings about the legislation they have introduced to bring about relief for prospective immigrants.

Mills, in fact, re-enforced his support for the Mills-Vanik Bill which he himself had introduced in the House by personally sponsoring yesterday the addition of three more Representatives to his bill. Rep. Joseph J. Maraziti (R.N.J.), James Mann (D.S.C.) and Edward Blester (R.Pa.) joined the list of sponsors bringing their number to 279--close to two-thirds of the 435 members of the House.

Dr. Kissinger himself, late yesterday at a White House meeting with three Jewish leaders, was reported as being sympathetic to Jewish concern that the Soviet procedures for processing applications for emigration was "cruel and arbitrary." (See separate story.)

Last Minute Appeal

In a last minute appeal to Dr. Kissinger,

Republican Senate Leader Hugh Scott pointed out to President Nixon's national security advisor today that "all that could be done has not been done either on our side or theirs." This was in reference to the activities by both the Nixon Administration and the Soviet leadership on the emigration issue.

Expressing himself as "not entirely satisfied" with the Soviet relaxation thus far of the education tax, Scott sent a personal letter by special messenger to Dr. Kissinger to disclose his views in writing.

In his letter, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told, Scott warned Dr. Kissinger that "the Jackson Amendment still commands majority support in the Senate and I suspect in the House as well in spite of the well publicized lifting of the visa tax." Continuing, Scott stated: "The only way to defuse it in the Congress is to obviate the need for it, and I believe this can and should be done. I hope you will make a special effort to raise this issue."

3 JEWISH LEADERS SAY KISSINGER SYMPATHETIC TO SOVIET JEWRY ISSUE

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Three national Jewish leaders met yesterday for 40 minutes with Dr. Henry Kissinger to discuss the situation of Soviet Jewry. They said today that President Nixon's national security advisor was "sympathetic to our presentation" and were "encouraged by Dr. Kissinger's response and by his assurance that the channel of communication between the White House and the Jewish community on this issue (Soviet Jewry) will remain open."

The three leaders were Max Fisher of Detroit, past president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The meeting yesterday took place as Dr. Kissinger was preparing to leave for the Soviet Union, and less than a month after 15 Jewish leaders met with Nixon at the White House on April 19.

In their joint statement, Fisher, Maass and Stein said: "We presented to Dr. Kissinger detailed information supporting our concern over the Soviet Union's cruel and arbitrary procedures for processing applications for emigration. We described the disabilities under which 100,000 Jews who have applied for visas live. We described the deteriorating conditions of the prisoners of Zion, the Jews arrested and harassed for seeking to emigrate. We told him of the capricious denial as 'security risks' of applicants for visas."

The three Jewish leaders also said that Dr. Kissinger told them that the granting of the most favored nation status to the Soviet Union was an essential aspect of the United States policy of increasing trade and detente with the USSR.

RABIN: DON'T DISMISS SADAT'S THREATS TO RESUME WARFARE

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's former Ambassador to the United States, warned last night that Israel must not lightly dismiss Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's threats to resume warfare. "We should not assume there

is nothing behind his threats," Rabin said at a Labor Party meeting in Ashdod.

Referring to Sadat's helicopter May Day speech to several thousand workers at the Nile Delta textile center of Mahalla Al Kubra, Rabin said the Egyptian leader's intention apparently is to unfreeze the political situation in the Middle East. But he is repeating the mistakes of his predecessor, the late Gamal Abdel Nasser, and Sadat, like Nasser, may become the victim of his own slogans, Rabin said.

Sadat hinted strongly in his speech that Egypt intends to use force to regain the territory it lost to Israel in the 1967 Six-Day War. At the same time he urged Soviet leaders to beware of American talk of a Middle East peace settlement which he termed "a myth, deception and lie." He denounced the U.S. position that an interim agreement between Egypt and Israel to reopen the Suez Canal was the best step toward an overall settlement and declared that Egypt would accept "no interim solution, no partial solution, no separate solution" short of the return of all of its territory.

A senior government official said today that Sadat's speech betrayed Egypt's increasing frustration and disappointment that six years after the Six-Day War it is no closer to regaining its lost territory. He said the speech also reflected the traditional hatred of Israel, intense bitterness toward the U.S. and fear that the Soviet Union and the U.S. might reach an understanding on the Middle East that would sell-out Egypt's interests.

Observers here saw no clear indications of Sadat's military intentions in his speech. Generally they discounted his belligerent rhetoric and said it was intended mainly to raise tensions so as to force the world to focus attention on the Middle East as an urgent problem. That intention apparently lies behind Egypt's insistence on a full dress Security Council debate on the Middle East late this month or early in June, Israeli circles said. But they believe that as long as the Security Council is talking, Egypt is unlikely to start shooting.

Israeli officials, meanwhile, are in contact with Washington to make sure that the U.S. will block any attempt in the forthcoming Security Council session to alter Resolution 242. Israel also expects the U.S. to veto any attempts at sanctions or one-sided condemnation of Israel that might be made during the debate.

TWO 'PALESTINIANS' IN SHOOT-OUT

AMSTERDAM, May 2 (JTA)--Two men believed to be Palestinians were wounded today when they shot at Dutch police who tried to check their papers. The two men, who were carrying Israeli passports believed to be forged, are under arrest. A Dutch police inspector was also slightly wounded during the shoot-out which took place in broad daylight in central Amsterdam. After a wild chase through the city's streets, the two men who had opened fire were arrested. Police think the shoot-out is linked to the anti-Israeli demonstration scheduled for tonight and sponsored by the Dutch Palestine Committee. The demonstration is to mark Israel's 25th anniversary.

BEN NATAN, JOBERT, DIFFER ON MOVEMENT OF MIRAGE JETS

PARIS, May 2 (JTA)--The Israeli Ambassador, Asher Ben Natan, and French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert differed sharply today over whether 18 French Mirage jets sold to Libya have

been stationed in Egypt. Ben Natan, speaking to French diplomatic correspondents, insisted that Israel has irrefutable evidence that the Mirages are in Egypt and has obtained no pertinent information to corroborate reports that they have returned to their original bases in Libya.

Jobert told the French National Assembly that the French government has been unable to ascertain that the Franco-Libyan agreement on the sale of the Mirages has been violated. "We have asked the Cairo and Tripoli governments for information and both governments have denied" that the planes were based in Egypt, Jobert said in reply to questions. He remarked that "it is obvious that the planes are not meant to remain on the ground or to fly around a single base." That remark was viewed as an admission that the Mirages had been on a "courtesy visit" to Egypt.

Ben Natan refused to say what evidence Israel had proving that the Mirages were based in Egypt. "If we say that the planes are there, you can rest assured that we have conclusive evidence," the Ambassador said. "Our Foreign Minister (Abba Eban) would not have said so unless the evidence was absolutely certain." Ben Natan claimed on a French television program earlier this week that it was Israeli intelligence alone that obtained evidence that the Libyan Mirages were transferred to Egypt. He denied that the information had been supplied by American intelligence.

GREATER DIASPORA EFFORTS REQUIRED

LONDON, May 2 (JTA)--The efforts of the diaspora will have to be increased in response to the growing needs of Israel, Michael M. Sacher, chairman of the Joint Palestine Appeal said here at the opening of the JPA's conference marking Israel's 25th anniversary.

"Although Israel is physically more secure than ever, internal social problems and the absorption of new olim continue to be urgent and pressing issues," he said, "especially when viewed against the high cost of defense." Sacher, a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors and chairman of the JTA London Committee, observed that the participation of the diaspora in solving the social and absorption problems "is now taken for granted."

Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency who delivered the keynote address, said that "after 25 years we can say that Israel has fulfilled its mission as a Jewish State." He noted that the 650,000 original citizens have absorbed over a million and a half new immigrants, established 500 agricultural settlements and 30 new towns and have laid the foundations for a thriving industry. Rivlin, a member of the JTA Board, said the most remarkable achievements were in the field of education. "In 1948 we had in Israel 100,000 school children and 1600 university students. In 1973 we have over 800,000 school children and 30,000 university students," he said.

Ernest W. Michel, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, observed that of late the UJA and the JPA were drawing closer in their approaches and methods. David and Irena Markish, the son and daughter-in-law of the late Soviet Yiddish poet Peretz Markish, said that the support and encouragement of Jews everywhere had sustained Soviet Jews in their struggle to assert their right to leave the Soviet Union.

SOVIET JEWS' FATE TIED TO MIDEAST PEACE

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress,

maintained today that there would be no solution to the problem of Jews in the Soviet Union as long as there is no settlement in the Middle East. He also indicated that he expected an official invitation shortly to visit the USSR but said he would not accept it unless certain conditions are met in advance.

Speaking to reporters at Lod Airport before leaving for Paris, Dr. Goldmann said he would not visit the Soviet Union unless he could do so as the head of a WJC delegation; unless he was given an opportunity to thoroughly discuss the Jewish question with Russian leaders, including Premier Alexei Kosygin; and unless he was convinced beforehand that he would not return empty handed. But Dr. Goldmann said he was not optimistic about Soviet readiness to make concessions on the Jewish problem as long as the Middle East conflict remains unresolved.

"Without an arrangement in the Middle East it is very difficult for the Russians to make concessions. But I am ready to wait one or two years as I am optimistic about an arrangement in the Middle East," Dr. Goldmann said. He said that future action toward a Middle East settlement depended on the outcome of President Nixon's talks with Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev in Washington this summer. As long as the U.S. and the USSR have not reached an understanding over the Middle East problem, it would be very difficult to reach an agreement on the scene, he said.

JEWISH COMMUNITY SUPPORTS NIXON'S INITIATIVES TO AID SOVIET JEWRY Congressmen Praised For Legislation

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--In a joint statement today, issued by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Richard Maass and Jacob Stein the chairmen of those organizations were joined by Max M. Fisher, former chairman of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in welcoming "suspension of the education tax" levied by Soviet officials on emigrants. The Jewish leaders acknowledged "with appreciation the initiatives of President Nixon in this achievement."

The leaders declared that "we believe that the Jackson Amendment and the Mills-Vanik bill have contributed and will continue to contribute to the effort to alleviate the plight of Soviet Jews and we continue our support for this legislation.... We trust that continuing efforts by the President and by the Congress will achieve the right of free emigration for Soviet Jews."

The statement was issued to clarify the position of the Jewish community with respect to legislative action now pending and recent meetings with President Richard M. Nixon and Dr. Henry Kissinger. This statement also follows recent policy meetings held by the many organizations which represent the constituencies of the NCSJ and the Conference of Presidents.

CHURCH LEADER SAYS ISRAEL SAFEGUARDS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--The Rev. Dr. Arnold T. Olson of Minneapolis, Minn., a national leader in the Evangelical Church in the United States and an acknowledged authority on Israel, declared that "the government of Israel is strongly committed to the safeguarding of the principal of religious liberty and freedom of conscience for all legitimate church agencies in Israel."

Olson expressed this in a statement following a meeting with Israeli Ambassador Stmcha

Dinitz to discuss "the findings" of his visit to Israel April 18-25 where he met with 21 political and religious leaders including the Ministers of Justice and Religious Affairs, the Attorney General, the Archbishop of Jerusalem and missionaries. The visit, his sixth, was initiated, he said, after consultation with officials of the American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Olson, president of the Evangelical-Free Church of America which has approximately 300,000 members, and vice-president of the World Bible Society, said reports in America's secular and religious press during the past few weeks have caused an "unfavorable reaction" among Evangelicals who have long been friendly to Israel.

However, he said, the Minister of Justice assured him that "there are no plans to amend the Law of Return which would bar Jews who converted to Christianity from settling in Israel and that the Declaration of the State of Israel of May 14, 1948 includes the guarantee of religious freedom for all." He added there is no "threat" that missionaries will be expelled.

Dr. Olson also said that "there is intimidation of missionaries and Christians of Jewish extraction even though it is contrary to government policy," but "the authorities are hard at work" against groups such as the Jewish Defense League, small groups of students and religious extremists.

BRANDT: MORE INTEREST IN NAZISM IN U.S. THAN IN WEST GERMANY

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Chancellor Willy Brandt indicated today that there is more interest in Nazism at present in the United States than in West Germany. The West German leader who arrived here yesterday for talks with President Nixon, spoke and answered questions at a National Press Club luncheon at which he was the guest of honor.

Asked to evaluate the new wave of interest in Hitler which seems to be burgeoning in his country, Brandt remarked that if he wanted to watch movies on television portraying Nazis, he would have to come to the United States. "This is true as well as far as certain books and magazines are concerned," he said, adding that he didn't think there was any serious tendency in his country that could be identified with Nazism.

Brandt observed that an extreme right-wing group in West Germany polled something like 0.6 percent of the vote in the last elections. He said that while West Germany has its internal problems, they are "certainly not those of the past."

MRS. RYAN ORDERED EXTRADITED

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--A Federal judge yesterday ordered the extradition of Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan, a former SS member and concentration camp guard wanted in West Germany on war crimes charges involving murder. Her lawyer has been given until Friday to appeal the extradition ruling. Chief Judge Jacob Mishler of the U.S. District Court in Brooklyn stated in a 10-page decision that there was evidence that the 53-year-old former Nazi probably committed the crimes charged in an extradition bench warrant issued by a Dusseldorf Judge March 14. U.S. Attorney General Robert A. Morse disclosed yesterday that he and "other government people" are investigating at least 50 individuals who might be in a position similar to that of Mrs. Ryan. Government sources indicated that denaturalization proceedings could be brought against as many as 50 persons in this country.

MRS. MEIR, RIVLIN, SEND MESSAGES ON ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Messages marking Israel's 25th anniversary from Premier Golda Meir and from Israel's Consul General in New York, Ambassador David Rivlin, were released by the Israeli Consulate General here today. Mrs. Meir stressed her nation's quest for peace and said "We have left no stone unturned in our constant pursuit of it."

The Premier said, "Though we have had to accept the reality of no peace, we persist in the faith that peace will one day come because it is also a fundamental need of all the peoples in our area." Noting that conflicts all over the world are moving toward solutions "through negotiation by the nations involved," Mrs. Meir declared: "We too shall continue to work and strive for the day when negotiations with our neighbors will begin and reconciliation will finally be reached."

Stating that day would arrive "once the option of war is eliminated and the realization that Israel is home for good is accepted," Mrs. Meir stressed that Israel, on its 25th anniversary "again stretches out the hand of peace to its neighbors. We call upon them to join us as equals at the negotiating table, the only place where true reconciliation is ever possible." She said, "We make no prior conditions to them just as we expect them to make none to us."

Mrs. Meir noted that "within Israel itself, great tasks of social and economic construction await us." She added: "Social and cultural integration will continue to be a major effort of Israel. We hope to create a society where every social gap subjective and objective, has been closed and where all individuals enjoy equal opportunities in education and in conditions of living."

Salute To Jewish, Non-Jewish, Communities

Rivlin, in his message, said he saluted "all of Israel's friends of the Jewish and non-Jewish communities with a sense of deep gratitude for the cooperation, support and manifestation of fraternity and kinship, as well as for the continuous close, mutual relationship with Israel."

He declared that "the understanding and friendship of the American people has been a decisive factor in the development and the security of the State of Israel." He said "It has been the help, political as well as material, from this country, which enabled us to overcome dangers in critical hours and to possess today the strength needed for our progress and for the maintenance of tranquility on our borders."

Rivlin observed: "Through faith and vision, with Jewish historical memory, and true grasping of the full significance of Israel's reborn, the United States Jewry has placed itself behind and along side of Israel to help her materially and morally in her hours of trial and tribulation, to enable her to overcome dangers and obstructions, and to share in her concerns and anxieties as well as in her joy and fulfillment."

CITY HALL CEREMONIES START 6-WEEK "NEW YORK SALUTE TO ISRAEL"

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Noontime ceremonies in City Hall Plaza today honored Israel on the eve of her 25th anniversary, May 6-7, and launched a six-week "New York Salute to Israel" to be observed by numerous public and private bodies throughout the city. Mayor John V. Lindsay offic-

ially proclaimed the City's "Salute" at today's gathering, attended by some 3000 people including civic and communal leaders and students from New York's Jewish day schools.

The ceremonies, conducted by Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the New York Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration, were carried out in a jubilant atmosphere. Hundreds of students carried Israeli flags and Jewish and Israeli songs resounded throughout the plaza. In his welcome to the gathering Feinberg declared:

"New Yorkers are proud to lead the way in hailing Israel's first twenty-five years of achievement. The celebration we begin today salutes the great contribution Israel's people have made to the same ideals of freedom, self-reliance and democracy which are at the heart of the American credo." Feinberg also noted that the celebration "expresses our hope that the next twenty-five years will see real peace and prosperity come to all the peoples of the Middle East."

Ambassador David Rivlin, Israel's Consul General, presented Lindsay with an Israel 25th anniversary album and said: "We draw confidence and high hopes for the future as we enter the next 25 years, even as we all know of the challenges and dangers with which we shall have to cope and which will require all our dedication and devotion."

Rivlin also said that Israel pledges to continue its constant vigilance in the field of the security and defense of its borders and to struggle for a true and stable peace for Israel and for all peoples in the Middle East.

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, reminded the gathering of the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union and in Iraq. Bess Myerson, former Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, read excerpts from Israel's Proclamation of Independence, which established the State on May 14, 1948.

CHURCH LAUDED ON STATEMENT ON JEWS

PARIS, May 2 (JTA)--The Christian-Jewish Friendship Society officially expressed its "gratitude" to the French Catholic Church for the document it issued last month on its attitude on Judaism and Jews.

The Society, which met yesterday at Aix-En-Provence in the south of France, unanimously adopted a resolution hailing the Catholic document as "finally applying the Vatican II directives and breaking with the theory of deicide which formed the basis for the unjust and cruel fate reserved for the Jews."

WZO SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, treasurer of the World Zionist Organization Executive, today presented a proposed 1973-74 budget of IL 131.8 million for the WZO. His proposal was made at a meeting of the Zionist General Council's finance committee.

The proposed budget includes 45 million for encouraging aliya, from so-called free countries; 26 million for youth and student activities; 19 million for Jewish education in the diaspora; and 13 million for the Zionist Federation and for information activities in Jewish communities overseas. The committee debated the proposed budget and plans to continue its deliberations this week.

Left-wing extremists used the May Day march in Paris yesterday to demonstrate against "Israeli imperialist occupation" and in favor of the Palestinians.